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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, National Intelligence Council
FROM : Assistant National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs
SUBJECT : DIA Comments on Draft NIC Production Plan

1. IIM: Soviet Concepts and Capabilities for Protracted Nuclear War.

DIA Comment: Recommend including this material in NIE 11-3/8-82.

Response: The latest available analysis on this subject will be included in this year's NIE 11-3/8, as it has been in previous editions. We will still need to publish an IIM on this subject, however. Such a study is long overdue, and is greatly desired by the NIE 11-3/8 "community."

2. IIM: Soviet Radar Tracking of US Satellites.

DIA Comment: Produce a single agency paper.

Response: Disagree. This IIM is well-along, and will be issued for preliminary interagency review within the week. It covers an important and sensitive subject, deserving of interagency consideration. It also will be an important building block for the forthcoming NIE 11-1-83.

3. IIM: Availability of Special Nuclear Potential for Soviet Nuclear Weapons.

DIA Comment: Delete or produce by a single agency.

Response: Disagree. This topic is an important and reoccurring issue of concern in the intelligence community. We should produce an IIM on this area, laying out all of the evidence. CIA (NED) and DOE are very much in favor of undertaking this study, and will probably do most of the work. The DIA analysts who follow this area also recognize the need for such a study. This should be a relatively easy undertaking.

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